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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – GROUP ART UNIT 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robertson, et al.  
Application No.: 09/382,242  
Filed: August 24, 1999  
Title: ESTERASES

Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: R. E. Prouty

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from March 4, 2002 to April 4, 2002.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **April 3, 2002**, in an envelope addressed to:  
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Enclosed is Check No. 505146 in the amount of \$55.00 for the One (1) Month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 3, 2002

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